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1. Seddin (Z-52)

There are now only five Red Army men left at the formerly large Soviet booty motor transport park. Large numbers of troops were formerly stationed there.

2. Dresden-Königsbrück

There were 36-38,000 troops stationed in this area in December 1946, but between Christmas and mid-March 1947 these had all left, the last battalion moving out at the beginning of March. Although the troops have gone, a number of Russian families are still in residence.

3. During the last half year various types of exercises have taken place at the Königsbrück Training Area, but in the future it is stated only artillery exercises will be carried out there. Artillery units are at present going through exercises, and special attention is being given to heavy mortar firing. For the most part a 120mm mortar is used. This gun has a circular platform and a carriage with rubber tires. When set for firing, the carriage is separated from the mortar. trucks or horses are used to tow it. 50X1-HUM

4. Schönfeld (A-11)

A new type of anti-tank gun was recently observed with an anti-tank unit in Schönfeld, Kreis Grossenhain. The caliber was about 120mm with a large muzzle-brake and large, deeply-indented tires. The most striking feature is the low construction which closely resembles the German 88mm anti-tank gun. Loading and transporting of this equipment took place at night only. During the day the guns were kept in closed sheds and closely guarded.

5. Seelow (V-55)

The only Soviet troops stationed in Kreis Lebus are based at Seelow.

6. Riesa (E-81)

There is at present in this town a commission consisting of several

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specialist officers engaged in preparations for the training of Stalinschüler who are soon to arrive. In early March the advance party of a division of Stalinschüler arrived in Riesa; the whole division was to be transferred from Moscow in early April. As soon as the Stalinschüler arrive, the present local garrison troops will move to the Balkans. According to an employee of the Riesa Komendatura, the Soviets are planning, besides the training of Stalinschüler locally, to transfer a school for officers of the local tank division to Riesa. The training is to be confined to an advanced technical course for officers and is to cover, among other things, the T-44, the Tiger and the Panther tanks.

7. Wittstock (U-11)

Situated just north of here at the junction of the roads to Röbel and Klein Hasslow is a barracks which was formerly used for the accommodation of officers undergoing paratroop training at Wittstock Airfield. These barracks and all the adjoining houses have been taken over by the Soviets and are now used to house an artillery unit.

8. Between the buildings 140 [redacted] trucks were observed standing in two rows, backing upon two rows of artillery equipment. The trucks, six-wheelers with front wheel drive, were of approximately 3-4 ton capacity. 50X1-HUM

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The artillery was entirely covered but appeared to be short-barrelled 75mm guns with pneumatic tires. Comparatively long towing rods projected from the canvas cover; these were made of hollow metal about 15 cm. in diameter, at the end of which was a spring towing ring. In all, 100 guns were drawn up in formation. 50X1-HUM

9. The personnel of the unit consists of about 2,000 men under the command of a colonel.
10. On 7 and 8 March Red Army men were observed installing beds and cupboards into the former office building of the Wittstocker Tuchfabrik (now dismantled). The warehouses behind this building are empty but could be used as accommodation, while the entire factory would be capable of housing some 5,000 men. Infantry troops are expected.

11. Kyritz (Z-19)

A Red Army artillery unit is installed in a former school building situated on the western outskirts of this town along Reichsstrasse 5. The unit consists of 1,800 men commanded by a colonel, in addition to whom there are 300 men undergoing a training course of three months. The unit is subordinate to similar units in Wittstock and Perleberg. The colonel and his staff live in Schwedenstrasse.

12. The guns attached to this unit are long-barrelled and of 150mm caliber. Barrels and gun carriages are transported separately. The tires consist of solid rubber. When mobilized, the guns are towed by tractors type S-80. Twenty-five of these guns were observed drawn up on the school playground under camouflage. At present they are not being used for exercises.

13. Since the end of February 1947 all the unit personnel have been confined to barracks and "are ready for action" (Einsatzbereit).

14. Zeithain (E-81)

The tank divisions (sic) which left the Zeithain Training Area in November 1946 are being transferred to Rumania. Only some small units now remain. These are equipped with T-34 and Josef Stalin tanks, new model 120mm assault guns and, since February 1947, a few T-44s.

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15. Gross Raschütz (A-01)

The Soviet vehicle depot at Gr. Raschütz near Grossenhain was closed down in February 1947.

16. Forleberg (T-70)

Since 15 February the garrison in this town has been considerably increased, the former number of 2,500 to 3,000 now having been raised to a total of 7,000 men. These are mainly infantry and artillery troops. Certain unidentified tank units which were withdrawn are expected to be replaced by new arrivals, and the garrison, when up to full TO, will comprise from 12,000 to 15,000 men.

17. The local artillery unit is about 1,000 men strong and is organized into four troops ("Batterien"); it is accommodated in the Lindenstr. Each troop has about four or five field guns of between 71 and 75 mm caliber. The gun barrels are about 3 meters in length, and the gun carriage has pneumatic tires. The guns are towed by semi-track Diesel tractors or horses. The tractors have pneumatic tires in front with tracks behind and can reach a speed of 30 kms. an hour. Ammunition for the unit is provided by a munitions dump in Burghagen (T-80).

18. The local infantry unit is between 4,500 and 5,000 strong and is accommodated in the same area as the artillery unit. Each man is armed with a carbine or machine pistol. It is not known how many battalions are represented, but source estimates the number as about five or six, basing this upon an estimated 800 to a battalion. Each battalion has a heavy machine-gun section of about 150 men and a mortar section of about 120 men. The mortars are a new model and have a caliber of approximately 60mm.

19. This infantry unit also includes a flame thrower section equipped with eight or nine flame throwers with a range of 70-80 meters.

20. The entire infantry unit is undergoing training with the Panzerfaust and the Panzerschreck. The only T-34 tank in the town is used to patrol the airfield at night.

21. The Town Commandant is Major Buchlov. His staff consists of eight officers and 60-70 enlisted men.

22. Schwerin (T-46)

The Central Komendatura moved from the "Gauhaus" in early March and is now established in a former school building in the Otto Breitscheidstr. General Brussolov of the SMA lives in the Junfersteig.

23. The ammo depot at Stern-Buchholz is locally believed to be an assembly dump for all munitions from vacated Soviet barracks and military establishments. A continuous stream of transport enters the depot to unload ammunition which is stored in bunkers. The poison gas grenades already reported are stowed in bunkers in the center of the depot and are well guarded.

24. Stendal (Y-85)

The evacuation of the majority of the garrison troops from Stendal commenced at the beginning of March; it is believed locally that they have been withdrawn to the east of the Elbe. Large numbers of Red Army men are no longer to be seen in the town.

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25. Wittenberge (Y-79)

During the night of 26-27 March 1947 three freight trains passed through here. They comprised 42, 40 and 50 cars respectively, and each car was loaded with a covered anti-aircraft gun similar to the German 88mm. Two of the trains came from the Mecklenburg area, and the third from the direction of Berlin. All three were heading toward Oebisfelde. Several such trains are believed to have passed through Wittenberge recently.

26. During the night of 23-24 March flashes were observed which appeared to be connected with artillery exercises taking place not more than 7-8 kms. from Wittenberge in the direction of Ludwigslust. The flashes were not, however, accompanied by any explosion and came, in the opinion of subsource, from guns using "cold ammunition" ("Kalte Munition-Detonationen ohne Schall und Knall"). The shooting lasted two hours and consisted of flashes every 15 seconds, later followed by salvos in which at least five guns seemed to be taking part. The local inhabitants state that such shootings often take place.

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27. The strength of the garrison of Greater Potsdam is at present 30,000 men. The strength of the SMA for Greater Potsdam is 500. Colonel Gami is the officer in SMA Potsdam responsible for the issuance of exit permits for travel abroad. He is thought to be a MVD man.

28. Cottbus

Barracks in this city are occupied as follows:

- a. In the Spremberger Chaussee by approximately a regiment of tank troops equipped with about 200 T-34s. These tanks arrived from the USSR by rail toward the end of March.
- b. Between the Kaiser Friedrich Strasse and the Berlinerstr by about three companies of infantry and a staff -- approximately 350 troops in all.

29. Also stationed in Cottbus are about 1,000 troops, mostly infantry, with a very small percentage of technical personnel who are quartered out in the town.

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